



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 361

Chairperson: Ray Aguilar
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 31, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 361 adds a new subsection to Section 49-14,101.02 (use of public resources by public officials and employees) to specify that a public official or public employee shall not authorize the use of public funds for the purpose of paying dues or membership fees to an organization if he or she knows, or should have known, that the revenue derived from these sources would be used by the organization for the purpose of a ballot campaign. The bill also makes violation of Section 49-14,101.02 a Class III misdemeanor.

The bill also creates a new section in the Nebraska Budget Act. The new section stipulates that governing bodies shall not authorize the use of public funds for the purpose of paying dues or membership fees to an organization unless the organization provides assurance, in the form of a written contract, that revenue derived from such dues or fees will not be used for the purpose of a ballot campaign.

These changes are intended to prevent the use of funds derived directly from public sources from being used by organizations for the purpose of campaigning on ballot measures.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ron Raikes